



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**



Council Conclusions on Montenegro

(2737 EXTERNAL RELATIONS Council meeting - Luxembourg, 12 June 2006)

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"The Council has taken note that, on 3 June 2006, based on Article 60 of the Constitutional Charter of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro and following the Montenegrin referendum of 21 May 2006, the Parliament of Montenegro has passed a Declaration on the Independence of the Republic of Montenegro which states that the Republic of Montenegro is an independent State with full legal personality under international law.

Furthermore, the Council has taken note that, on 5 June 2006 following the above-mentioned Declaration, the Parliament of Serbia has passed a Decision that defines the Republic of Serbia as the continuing State of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro.

The Council recognizes that these Parliamentary Acts were taken in conformity with the arrangements and procedures foreseen in the Belgrade Agreement of 14 March 2002 as well as in compliance with Article 60 of the Constitutional Charter of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. The European Union and its Member States have therefore decided that they will develop further their relations with the Republic of Montenegro as a sovereign, independent State, taking full account of the referendum result and the afore-mentioned Parliamentary Acts. Member States will take the subsequent measures implementing this decision nationally in accordance with international law and practice.

The Council calls on Serbia and Montenegro to pursue a direct and constructive dialogue on their future relations. The European Union stands ready to support this dialogue.

The Council reaffirms the European perspective of the Western Balkans on the basis of the Stabilisation and Association Process. "

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